

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

3209  
3725

APPLICANT: DENIS et al. )  
SERIAL No.: 09/977,108 ) ART UNIT:  
FILED: October 12, 2001 ) 3209  
FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD ) EXAMINER:  
FOR CONNECTING CELLS ) MERO, Julian  
OF A BATTERY )

**AMENDMENT**

**RECEIVED**

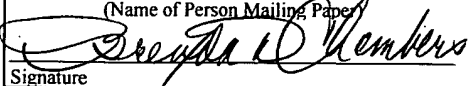
DEC 09 2003

TECHNOLOGY CENTER HQ100

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 31, 2003, please amend the  
application as follows:

I certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Patent Office via first class mail addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on	
01-DEC-2003	
(Date of Deposit)	
BREUDA D. CHAMBERS	
(Name of Person Mailing Paper)	
	
Signature	